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94% land acquired



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Public transport revival



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Construction of proposed sports complex coming to halt mid-way takes away joy of neighbourhood playground from residents

A SPORT OF BOTHER

Work began 5 years ago in OMBR Layout with Rs 20 cr budget

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About five years ago, a sports complex was proposed at a playground in OMBR Layout. It's still awaiting completion. Residents complained the construction has taken away the only space from joggers.

Once, Bhuvanagiri playground was a popular haunt for joggers and sports enthusiasts. Around 400 people used to frequent the spot during weekends to engage in sporting and fitness activities.

Alongside joggers, during early morning, children would practice cricket and football.

In 2017, after a proposal was put forth, work began to build a sports complex in the area, with a swimming pool, seating gallery, open air theatre, skating rink, gym, badminton and table tennis courts.

However, residents were dismayed when the work suddenly came to a halt nearly two years ago. The half-constructed complex is now lying unattended.

According to the Bangalore Development Authority, the project was estimated to be developed at a cost of Rs 20 crore. As of now, Rs 10.53 crore have been put to tender and around Rs 2.5 crore of development has been completed.

A regular walker said there have been no improvements for the last 1.5 years: "Previously, just 10% of



“Half-constructed swimming pool now collects rainwater; it is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Half-done building is a safety risk...”

—Prabha, resident

the ground was abandoned. Around 400-500 people used to frequent the place then; now not even 200 people can gather. Our sports groups have stopped coming due to overcrowding.”

Joggers complained that open

ground space was considerably reduced due to half-constructed works like the sitting gallery.

A resident also noted they were not consulted about the sports complex. “For the past 4-5 years, the complex has been in

the same state of despair. Earlier there used to be a track and a place to indulge in sporting activities but now it has turned into a waste land. There seems to be no concept of parking and

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Which city road is most expensive?

Electronics City Flyover may be for one way, NICE Road for multiple travels



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Despite the fact that most of the city roads are filled with potholes, Bengalureans are paying one of the highest tolls in the country. And yet, they are getting a raw deal.

The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) Road is the most expensive road in the city to travel. The National Highways Authority of India-appointed concessionaire charges Rs 105 for one way trip for a car. The road is approximately 20 km in length from Esteem Mall to the toll booth. This would approximately come to Rs 5.25 per km. For Electronics City Flyover, the toll company charges Rs 60 for a car for an approximate distance of 10 km. This would mean that a car user has to pay approximately Rs 6 as toll for each km travelled.

The Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited (NICE) has announced a revised toll. Though the new toll rates were to be implemented from July 1, it has been deferred due to technical reasons. According to NICE's revised toll rates, a car user has to pay Rs 45 to travel 8.74 km of distance between Hosur to Bannerghatta roads. This would mean a car user has to pay around Rs 5.1 per km.

The other toll highway in the city is Nelamangala Highway where the revised rates have been implemented from July 1. A car user has to now pay Rs 30 for one way to travel approximately 21 km; this would come to Rs 1.42 per km. Though the NICE toll may be slightly cheaper for a one-way

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3 THINGS TO DO



01 Nikhil Vai Collective live!

If you are looking for a perfect night full of music and great food, then this event is the answer. Musical band - Nikhil Vai Collective is paying a tribute to music icons Ed Sheeran & Coldplay. The performance is sure to make you want to dance..
When: July 30, 7 pm onwards
Where: Hard Rock Cafe, St Marks Road
Tickets: bookmyshow.com



02 Wings of melody

To commemorate the finale of its ongoing Birdsong exhibition, the Indian Music Experience Museum (IME) is presenting a concert titled "Wings of Melody", featuring an ensemble of noted classical musicians from the city.
When: July 30, 6 pm
Where: MLR Convention Centre, JP Nagar
Tickets: www.indianmusicexperience.org

03 For the bookworm in you

Ranga Shankara and Paperback Book Shop are coming up with a celebration of reading. The book 'Water Phoenix' by Rituparna Chatterjee is a memoir of childhood abuse, healing and forgiveness. It is as described by the author, "a story of transcending trauma and coming home to oneself." **When:** 24 July, 12 pm
Where: Ranga Shankara 36/2, 8th Cross Rd, R K Colony; **Tickets:** Free



In 21 days, they did it

Inspector's efforts to help the students pay off as 48 students pass supplementary exam after attending classes he organised

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Thursday was a day of celebration for Bandepalya Police Inspector Rajesh LY and his mentees -- Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) students who wrote the supplementary exam. After the combined efforts of students and teachers, 48 students passed in the SSLC supplementary exam this term with top results.

To celebrate this, police staff, teachers, parents and students reached the Bandepalya police station. Motivational and emotional speeches by teachers and PI Rajesh underlined the culmination of weeks of hard work.

The inspector distributed sweets, congratulated the students and planted a sapling in remembrance of the joy and success of teamwork.

Students were all smiles as they wished each other luck for college admission.

On May 19, the SSLC students who failed their annual exam, had reached a dead-end in their academics.

It was then that Rajesh came to their rescue, and took the initiative to conduct special classes for 21 days for the students who failed the exam, in his jurisdiction. As many as 110 students enrolled in this special class, and 85 turned out every day to attend the special classes.

Rajesh told Bangalore Mir-



Bangalore Mirror earlier reported on the inspector's efforts to help the students



The inspector distributed sweets and planted saplings to celebrate the success of students



"I failed in Kannada language subject and with the help of teachers I could pass the supplement"

— Aman Sharma



"I never thought I could pass this exam but now I am looking forward to joining college"

— Pinka Das



ror, "I always believed this idea would work. I am glad and emotional because I have seen the future of many students if they take the wrong track or decision after failing exams. But I am happy that many students believed in me and the teachers. Students and teachers along with volunteers worked very hard every day to make this work. As I see now all are happy and our hard work paid off today. I will try and see what can be done for the rest of the

students. I hope and wish that I do not conduct such special classes anymore, I want them to pass all the exams in their first attempt."

He credited his team PSI Muzamil and Ramesh along with constable Chikanna for playing a major role in keeping the tab on students' learning.

Aman Sharma, a student of a private school who attended this special class for a day, said, "I am from Bihar and I have been residing here for three years. I failed in the Kannada

language subject and with the help of teachers I could learn Kannada and pass the subject in supplementary," he said.

Pinak Das, another student came to the class after failing in three subjects, Kannada, Mathematics and Science. "I never thought I would pass this exam in any way but with the help of the Inspector and teachers, I passed and I am looking forward to joining college," he said.

Geeta Kempaiah, a private school Kannada language teacher said, she was surprised to know that out of 110 students, 70 failed in the Kannada language subject.

"I gave my best and students were also eager to learn the language too. I am happy today that 42 students passed in the subject. Thanks to the Inspector for the initiative and pushing students towards the right path," she said.

Lancer to partner India tour of Indies

Footwear brand Lancer announced that it will be the official partner of India's ODI tour of the West Indies. Shikhar Dhawan-led tour starts on July 22. This association is the brand's first major cricketing partner-

ship. As an official partner, the brand will present on-ground assets such as the pitch mat and perimeter boards during the series. The director at Lancer, Abhishek Gupta called the association an "exciting step" for the

future of the company. "It is an exciting step for Lancer to enter the world of cricket sponsorship, and we see a great synergy between what our brand represents and the exciting cricket we are expecting to see when these two thrilling sides - India and West Indies - clash," he said.



94% land acquired for airport metro

281 out of 298 identified properties have been acquired; 251 handed over to the engineering wing

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The Namma Metro network towards Kempegowda International Airport is gathering pace. According to sources, land acquisition at most stretches is nearly complete, helping the contractors fast-track the plan.

The project entails 5-7 km of track-length from Central Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport. Around 30 stations will be a part of this project, the cost of which is estimated to be Rs 14,788 crore.

As much as 94 per cent of the land has been acquired, officials informed; 281 out of 298 identified properties have been obtained; 251 properties have been handed over to the engineering wing.

Work in the stretch between Hebbal and KR Puram has been delayed a bit due to translocation of trees. According to BMRL estimates, Hebbal Station, which will be an interchange station in the future, may see a footfall of 60,897 passengers daily.

The bottleneck has been at Shettigere depot. If the remaining 5 acres here is not available, alternative arrangements will be made — BMRL official



The project entails 5-7 km of track-length from Central Silk Board to the airport, will include 30 stations, and is estimated to cost Rs 14,788 crore

KR Puram, another interchange station, is expected to see 51,983 commuters, Nagawara 50,470, KIA Terminal 48,113, Yelahanka 30,647, Kempapura 24,013, and Kodigehalli 20,288.

Depot land yet to be acquired

Metro officials said that according to the revised plan of Shettigere Depot, an additional area of 12,576.619 sq m is still required. To fast-track the airport line, BMRL is now exploring

alternative arrangements.

"The bottleneck has been at Shettigere depot. If the remaining land of 5 acres for Shettigere depot is not forthcoming, then alternative arrangements will be made," said a BMRL official.

Metro officials plan to complete the airport line by December, 2024.

Traffic problem

Metro construction is coming up at service roads, and congestion has been minimal so far. However, there

has been traffic during peak hours near Kogilu Cross (from Hebbal side). Meanwhile, large portions of the service road are being barricaded. Locals say this may affect traffic flow.

Ridership increases

Metro ridership is increasing month after month after the services were made completely operational following the Covid lockdowns. During last month (June 4), 5,07,450 commuters had used the metro service with 99.98 per cent of operational efficiency

5G network testing

BMRL has become the first metro in India to test a 5G network under a pilot project of TRAI. The 5G network was tested out in over a 200 m radius by a private company at MG Road Metro station. The test has achieved 1.45 gbps download and 65 mbps upload speeds, making it 50 times faster than 4G.



achieved. In June, 1,38,30,609 had used metro services, bringing in a Rs 34.01 crore fare box revenue.

The highest revenue collection was on June 6 with the metro collecting Rs 1,29,82,164. Smart cards continue to be the most preferred mode for payment (61.40 per cent), followed by 38.52 per cent using tokens. Group tickets are yet to become popular with just 0.08 per cent using them.

Still using single-use plastics? Think twice

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After the Centre announced a ban on single-use plastics from July 1, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have been carrying out drives to seize them and fine those still using or selling them. According to official data, India generates over 3.5 million tonnes of plastic waste in a year. Plastic waste generation per capita is said to be 3 kg per year. During 2020-2021, over 41,26,997 tonnes of plastic was generated per annum, state pollution control boards reported.

The items that come under single-use plastic ban are plastic carry bags, plastic flags, plastic sticks for balloons, ice-cream and candy sticks, earbuds, polystyrene used for decoration, packaging film, disposable crockery or plastic, and PVC banners less than 100 microns.

In the Mahadevapura zone, BBMP has effec-

tively carried out awareness programmes starting from July. Over the last two weeks, marshals have started to impose fines on different retailers, shop owners, ration shops, street vendors, and suppliers who are still using plastic.

Over 400 cases have been booked and 350 kg of plastic was seized. Rs 2 lakh has been collected. Basvaraj Mannur, Marshal Supervisor, Mahadevapura zone, said, "On June 27, we had a meeting on how to carry out awareness to stop the usage of plastic. Thereafter, the Centre announced a complete ban. It was stated to first carry out awareness and then fine people."

Plastic seized by the marshals was initially sent to dry waste collection centres, but now, the marshals have been advised to send it to major roads for their usage. Mannur added, "We were fining street vendors Rs 200 for first time offences, Rs 500 for second time, and Rs 1,000 for third time. For the retailers the fines are up to Rs 2,000."

2 RPF personnel bag national awards

The Ministry of Railways, on Thursday, announced the national award winners. Two RPF police personnel, including a woman constable, were honoured with the same.

Bengaluru Division's RPF personnel, constable Zina Pinto, was awarded the Honourable Minister of Railways Mahila Ewam Bal Suraksha Padak (medal) with a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh for her continuous efforts in women's security and child rescue.

According to senior RPF officials, Pinto was responsible for rescuing more than 35 children from the clutches of human trafficking and cracking two cases of kidnapping of minors.

Pinto was a part of the All Women RPF Women Security teams 'Shakti', an official said. The second awardee was an RPF inspector, Akhilesh Tiwari, from the Bengaluru division, who was awarded the second prize of the Honourable Ministry of Railways medal for the best investigation, with a cash prize of Rs 50,000. The award was for detection of cyber criminals of the All India E-ticketing racket involving pan-India networks and the arrest of the mastermind Hamid Ashraf.

Tiwari was also responsible for the arrest of Ghulam Mustafa, one of the India heads of the illegal software network. — BMB

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GLOBALLY, AUTOMATIC CARS HAVE BEEN RISING ON THE POPULARITY CHARTS, AND INDIA IS ALSO FAST DRIVING ALONG THAT LANE

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The evolving preferences of Indian car buyers are translating to more sophisticated automatic transmission technologies which have seen a substantial growth over the last three to four years, especially as their prices have become more affordable and their performance has gone up manifold - the mileage is equal, or even a little more than the conventional manual variants.

BEATING CONGESTION
Worsening road congestion in cities, as well as improvement in technology and fuel efficien-

cy, are increasingly driving buyers to the gearless, clutch-less convenience of automatic cars without having to worry about gear-shift and clutch.

POPULAR IN METROS

"Worldwide, they are a hot favourite for in-city driving - blame it on the stress of driving in choked cities, or simply the ease and rising affordability that automatic cars offer, Indians are increasingly going in for these vehicles that give you the comfort of driving without having to worry about gear-shift and clutch," says auto expert Saurav Revankar. The auto industry, agrees that though automatic cars are the need of

the hour given the growing vehicular population and the Indian automotive industry is definitely going through a clear paradigm shift, with more auto companies promoting automatic gearboxes - the introduction of lowcost gearless technologies such as AMT (automated manual transmission) by top carmakers has only strengthened the trend, prompting others to also work towards cheaper technology.

Industry experts say in passenger vehicles the segment has the potential to account for as much as 40 percent of the total market. Most big carmakers in India has seen a jump in the sales of gearless cars and



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they clearly expects more sales of the gearless cars in the coming years. Customers too are buying automatic variants though they are more expensive, signalling a significant demand for automatic cars - know for an effortless drive and faster acceleration.

TRAFFIC ISSUES

Expectedly, the demand is being generated in metro cities and top towns where the worsening traffic situation and the subsequent inconvenience of continuously having to shift

gears, and a more mature segment of car buyers opting for greater value for money and convenience which is prompted by declining cost differential between manual and automatic gearbox which has resulted in the rising trend of automatic transmission in various models. Once perceived as expensive, the automatic car segment has seen the price premium over manual cars coming down over the years with the arrival of automated manual transmission (AMT). With cars being used by more than one

family member, especially the lady in the house, the demand for gearless cars, that are easier to drive, has also gone up.

An indicator of the increasing popularity of automatic cars is the bookings for newly launched cars - about 65 percent of the car bookings are for automatic variants. "We see the demand trend going up soon due to the convenience the automatic transmission vehicle provides for customers with no compromise on fuel efficiency," says Rajesh Shetty, dealer of an automobile showroom.



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Instead of simply taking back your car from the service station blinded by your faith in the service provider, wouldn't it make more sense if you upped your knowledge quotient about what your mean machine needs in order to continue to run efficiently and whether

what's required has been done at the opposite end? Not only would this go a long way in saving you some moolah but also enhance the longevity of your car.

So, the next time you take your car for its service, besides ensuring that the oil filter, air filter and engine oil are checked and if required changed, do check out this list for best results.

CHECK JOB SHEET

Irrespective of the car service station you visit, it's a standard practice to prepare a job sheet, which acts as a means of communication between the mechanic and the service advisor. While handing over your car you may point out specific faults that need to be taken care of - for example, tyre rotation, battery check etc. While taking delivery do check the car and job sheet just to ensure that everything has been attended to.

Do not make the mistake of walking to the payment counter immediately after the technician or floor manager tells you that your car is ready. A routine service costs a lot and the workshop is mandated to complete the task efficiently. So, keep the 'money part' out till you are satisfied.

CHECK THE BILL

Ensure you check the itemised bill and that it carries the price of the items as was approximately quoted to you by the service advisor. Keep an eye open to ascertain that instead of engine oil top-up, you are not being charged for replacement etc.

CHECK WORK DONE

The engine is the heart of your car and it requires regular changing of oil as well as filter. Observe the colour prior and post. How? It's quite simple - by dipping the dipstick into the oil and ensuring that the colour is deep amber rather than stark black (as it's been topped on the oil already in the engine).

A proper wash and interior clean-up will be included in the labour charges provided by the car service centre. The least

your car deserves is a good bath - this includes exterior foam wash, exterior polishing including tyre polish, interior vacuum cleaning, interior polish etc. Do spend a couple of minutes inspecting all this.

Ascertain that the engine coolant and, if required, the brake fluid too is changed to ensure that your car doesn't heat up immediately after a few minutes of starting.

It's advisable to remove your personal belongings and the tool kit prior to handing over your car for service. Alternatively, you can ask the service advisor to mention this on the job sheet to ensure that things don't get misplaced while your car is being worked upon.

Scan the odometer reading to check the distance your car has been taken for. It is a common practice for mechanics to

take the car for a short 2-3 km post-service test drive just to ensure that the car is driving properly, is dynamically fine and there aren't issues as such. A word of caution - in case of engine overhauling or replacement of head gasket, a long test drive may be needed.

Check air filter by opening the air filter housing and taking it out. The air filter is meant to be replaced after a few thousand km and should be cleaned every time your car goes for service as it contributes to the engine health substantially.

Ensure that the oil filter is clean and as good as new.

Last but definitely not the least, take a test drive with the service advisor to get a feel of the car which should be different from the way it felt before it was serviced.

Things to check when servicing your car

GETTING A CAR SERVICED IS EASY, BUT THE ONUS IS ON THE OWNER TO ENSURE IT HAS BEEN DONE PROPERLY. HERE IS A LIST OF THINGS THAT YOU SHOULD CHECK

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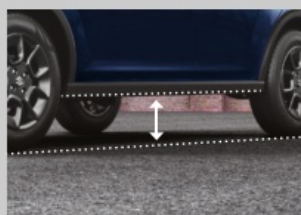
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All roads for home-buyers lead to Nelamangala

Nelamangala has become a hotspot for plot and home buyers in recent years. The development works going on and the projects to come up in the future are the main reasons for this, importantly the development of Peripheral Road, Satellite Ring Road, and six-lane roads increased the cost of land in Nelamangala. Especially the Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) project has made property investment the thing in Nelamangala.

The first stage of STRR connects Dobbsspet in Tumakuru Road. Dobbsspet is becoming the largest industrial hub in the country. So,



Multiple infra projects like the PRR, Satellite Ring Road make this area a realty hotspot

people are buying sites on the outskirts like Nelamangala thinking about the handsome profit in the future. This road connects Dobbsspet in Tumakuru Road, Doddaballapur in Hindupur Road, Devenahalli in Hyderabad Road, and Hoskote in Kolar Road. In the second stage, it connects Doddaballapur to Hoskote Road. Not only the Satellite Town Ring Road, the realtors of Tumakuru Road and Nelamangala kept an eye on the Peripheral Ring Road and six-lane road developments. Both the projects made Nelamangala the hotspot for real-estate investors.

As Metro and local train facilities are at a reachable distance for resi-

dents and for those starting new industries, Nelamangala is identified as the best spot for investors. Nelamangala is also the gateway to Bengaluru. The intermediate 320 ft Ring Road connects to all corners of the city. This makes Nelamangala an opt location. Indian Institute of Horticulture in Hesaraghatta, 120 ft Nelamangala to Doddaballapur road which connects the airport, APMC yards are added advantages.

Nelamangala is also host to many educational institutions like Harvard Group of Institutions, Swamy Vivekananda Institute of Technology, Shivakumar Swamy College of Engineering, Harsha Hospital, MS Ramaiah Group of Institutions, and Navkis Residential School. Importantly, Nelamangala became an affordable education hub for students from rural areas.

A real estate developer said, "For those who want to invest in realty, Nelamangala is the best option. There are more opportunities to buy the sites and buildings here that will fetch profit to investors." — **Prakash VL**

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Millennials investing in real-estate

Market watchers say that if investments are made at the right time, the yields can be immense

Owing to a sudden increase in disposable income, millennials have gained prominence as an important demographic in the homebuyers' market post pandemic. Market watchers say that if investments are made at the right time, the yields can be immense. "I used to invest heavily in the stock market and in mutual funds, but I ended up losing a lot of money because the markets are so volatile. I didn't have the time to monitor the performance of the stocks and exit at the right time. I have now started looking for investments in real estate as it will appreciate in the years to come and give you a good return on investment," said a millennial.

"About three years ago, I bought property in a developing area. Now because of the development in the vicinity, the property has appreciated in value and will yield good returns when I sell it," says Sameer Kumar, a structural engineer in his late thirties.

Pick a reputed Developer

Identify a property that is built by a reputed developer. If the building is constructed with good quality material, then the structure will encounter fewer maintenance issues. "We always recommend devel-



opers who have a good track record and financial credibility. Shortlisted projects should also be approved by RERA (Real Estate Regulatory Authority). It may be riskier to invest in an unknown developer even though he offers a lower price," says Mahesh Shetty, a real estate consultant.

Understand the stages

Along with identifying the right developer, it is also essential to understand the various stages of property construction. "My family has had bad experiences with real estate investment. While one project didn't take off at all, another was stuck owing to legal and financial issues linked to the developer. So, I have been cautious in investing in this space as I don't want to lose my money," says Tejas Parekh, a 37-year-old research analyst. It's important

to weigh the pros and cons before deciding, as under-construction projects may yield a higher return on investment at a later stage but are not completely risk free. Meanwhile, a ready-to-move-in option may be safer but more expensive.

Examine all documents

Look for any clauses, especially ambiguous terms that may cause legal disputes in the future. Prior to purchase, ensure that there are no hidden charges, overdue fees, etc. "I sought legal help while finalising my deal. It's better to have an expert view on the transfer documents and other paperwork to avoid any legal issue at a later date," says Karishma Khetrappa, a software developer.

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A political climate crisis

The passing week saw the city of London bake in record-breaking temperatures, way hotter than average Bengaluru summer; a definitive sign of times we have no control over.

Forty degrees Celsius is the stuff of nightmares for Londoners, accustomed to a city which is mostly cold, wet and often left dreaming of sunshine most of the year except in summer. For Bengaluru, 40 degrees is still unthinkable but cannot be ruled out now. What is apparent is not only are we engulfed in erratic weather but we need a climate-conscious urban policy; perhaps beginning with electing a climate-aware council in Bengaluru.

Things are coming to a head sooner than expected. We are free-falling into the abyss of unpredictable weather. The most worrying aspect is, as nature strikes back against our past violations in varied geography, we have ever weakening political will to salvage humanity's future.

In referenced history, after records began, there never has been a time when human beings faced the wrath of nature to the extent we are seeing now: extreme weather is ripping through Europe. The UK turned into a furnace breaching 40 degrees Celsius as fires raged across southern Europe, especially in Portugal, Spain, France and Greece.

Monsoon-related devastation is setting us back here too, especially along the river valleys, in Assam and elsewhere, in the mountainous Himalayan terrain of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, where landslides and cloudbursts have resulted in loss of lives and left many missing, damage to property and infrastructure apart. It is bizarre why we are not seeing a sense of urgency in our lawmakers (still busy politicking) on the impending climate doom, not to mention their studied silence, absolute lack of interest in policy making and building consensus cutting across stakeholders from all political and social spheres. The true scale of this emergency is yet to reveal itself in the subcontinent.

Meanwhile, the political skulduggery underway to succeed the shamed-to-resign-PM Boris Johnson by two of his aides left in the race — ex-chancellor Rishi Sunak and current foreign secretary Liz Truss — takes centre stage despite the unprecedented climate chaos unravelling in the United Kingdom: the severe heat wave has deformed railway tracks — not calibrated for temperatures more than 35 degrees Celsius — bringing public transport to a halt, and throwing life out of gear. The UK is now a hot country.

Sunak and Truss are the least concerned, just as our presser-shy politicians here. Where does India stand on the climate crisis? Where is our roadmap to tackle extreme-weather? Have we constituted an expert team to mount a rapid



response in case of an unpredictable erratic weather-induced natural calamity of the scale we saw in 2018 Kerala floods? What are our initiatives to climate-proof burgeoning cities? Now that we are almost the most populous nation, are we tweaking policies to accommodate climate science into urban infrastructure planning as rural-to-urban migration peaks?

It's hard to recall a time when politicians were oblivious to the plight of citizens to such a degree that now they do not even bother to react, or distract the electorate by arm-twisting the media, about brewing crises. Themselves busy genuflecting before big corporations that fund political campaigns election after election, they are more than eager to realise the corporations' will instead of the people's, glibly carrying on with the quid pro quos.

While it may seem public attention is oftentimes drawn towards conjured up controversies spoon fed to the pliant media, citizens do want to know what is the Centre's plan to tackle rising inflation, ambitions of youth simmering in joblessness, soaring inequality fuelling poverty, communal polarisation tearing into the social fabric raised through centuries of cultural confluence and syncretism, online bullies sustaining a festering atmosphere of hate spilling into the social discourse, erratic weather-induced natural disasters affecting vulnerable communities of our shores, valleys, mountains and cities and nevertheless a flailing economy on the brink of a recession as rupee nosedives to record lows.

In the ensuing absurd theatrics, a directive on 'unparliamentary words' was issued before the start of a critical session of the houses of parliament where the opposition is urging debate upon debate on issues the citizenry has been distracted from, for too long. That the opposition is not accorded an opportunity to speak on behalf of their constituents in the parliament is appalling, and rather detained by the police is deplorable.

The very foundation of a constituent assembly is only strengthened by the fact that it is a place where grievances of the elected representative's constituents are aired, discussed, and enacted into laws. In fact, the body language of those in public life reveals much about what they really think and intend to do about the current catastrophes staring us in the face: surely they seem to be doing everything to stay on in power.

Our transport bodies need reimbursements

Panel suggests state govt reimburse student bus pass expenses, motor vehicle tax



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A one-man committee report appointed by the Karnataka Government to study transport corporations in the state has suggested that the government reimburse the corporations for the motor vehicle tax and student bus pass expenses.

Around 24,000 buses run under Karnataka RTCs with KSRTC taking the lead with 8,206 buses followed by 6,769 buses under BMTC, 4,560 buses under NWKRTC and 4,503 buses in KKRTC. For every lakh population in Karnataka, there are approximately 36 buses allocated. Around 20 lakh students depend on these buses through passes. As many as 16% of students use bus passes, out of which 45% are girl students.

As of March 2022, for all the RTCs combined, the outstanding liabilities stand at a whopping Rs 4,426 crore. To attain financial stability, the one-man committee report by MR Sreenivasa Murthy suggested a slew of measures to

bring down costs. One of the recommendations is to reimburse RTCs for student bus pass expenses and return Motor vehicle (MV) tax as a capital contribution by the State Government.

The report noted that MV tax amounts to about 5% of RTCs' cost. Between FY16 and FY20, RTCs paid Rs 1,500 crore in MV tax and they also pay 5.5% of revenue

Findings: 2,600+ villages don't have access to buses; bus passes helpful to rural students

while private buses continue to pay on a per-seat basis.

Pass is a must

While the report discovered that around 2,600 villages don't have access to RTC bus services, student bus passes are still an efficient mechanism benefitting rural students and girl children. The report noted that up to 2020-21, there is a shortfall in 50% reimbursements from the government amounting to Rs 4,271 crore. The RTCs only charge the students 8% of the

costs. The report has suggested that MV tax collected from RTCs may be returned to them as capital contribution by the state government and that government should consider reimbursing the shortfall in students' share. It further suggested that reimbursements be made quarterly.

To ensure the 2,600 villages also have bus services with at least two bus trips daily, RTC will have to increase their fleet size to 25,000 by 2030. BMTC needs to increase its fleet stretch to 10,000 in the short term and 16,500 by 2030. Around 40% of buses also need replacement and refurbishment.

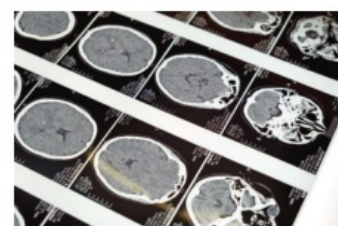
To reach full efficiency and improve their service, RTCs will need Rs 10,000 crore for 4,000-6,000 new buses per year. Another Rs 5,000 crore is needed to upgrade bus maintenance facilities, charging infrastructure and passenger amenities. To fund the RTCs with their projected costs, it has also recommended the setting up of a 'Public Transport Finance and Development Corporation' with Rs 100 crore as the capital where the RTCs will pay back the loan as per the recommendations of the committee.

Bengaluru gets its first brain clinic

Bengaluru got its first Brain Health Clinic (BHC) at Jayanagar General Hospital- the first-of-its-kind in the state on Friday. July 22 is observed as 'World Brain Day' the world over.

It is a pilot initiative launched by the state health department in collaboration with the Departments of Neurology and Epidemiology at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS).

Dr Girish N Rao, Professor of Epidemiology, NIMHANS told Bangalore Mirror, "The goal of this project is to raise awareness about brain health and disorders in the state. The programme is currently being launched at the district level in South Bengaluru. If it succeeds we will replicate it in other districts



as well."

"Though Karnataka has made substantial growth in the area of mental health, I have noticed that the only Brain disease which gets proper awareness in the state is Epilepsy. Through this programme, we look forward to bridging this

If successful, the project will be replicated elsewhere

gap. We are training physicians in general hospitals and PHC doctors for early diagnosis and treatment of several neurological diseases such as headache, dementia, epilepsy, and stroke," added Dr Rao.

Jayanagar BHC is a Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (KaBHI) under the guidance of NITI Aayog. Under the pilot programme, two more BHCs will be set up in the state at SNR District Hospital, Kolar and Chikkaballapura District Hospital. "These Brain Health clinics will function as nodal centres for brain disorders in the state," Dr Rao added.

NIMHANS, for the first time, has trained 100 PHC-level doctors for the initiative to treat neurological diseases at grassroots level.

—Saumyangi Yadav

Back to school, safe and sound

NGO kicks off programme for kids in 100 schools of Tumakuru

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A large number of students have dropped out of schools especially from government schools in the state during this more than two-year-period of the covid pandemic, and the Education Department is having a tough time getting them back into schools.

A 103-year-old Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Save the Children, India - also known as Bal Raksha Bharat, in collaboration with the Karnataka State Education Department has now launched a campaign called Safe Back to School in 100 schools located in 10 blocks of Tumakuru.

The initiative is part of a col-



The NGO along with HDFC bank has started the initiative Making Schools Smart which wants to bring kids back to school

laborative project, 'Making Schools Smart', supported by the HDFC Bank. The campaign aims to bring all the children back to school. Poster on 'Child Rights' and 'Right to Education' were unveiled by children from each school. Children also took initiative in rallying around to their nearest villages to encourage villagers on the

importance of 'Right to Education'. On this occasion, 100 School Head teachers, 10 Block Education Officers and Block Resource Centres were trained virtually on the safety protocols to be followed while children are in school.

Save the Children in collaboration with the bank is working in five states - Karnataka, Andhra

Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir, in the country developing 300 elementary schools as model schools with enhanced all-round development opportunity for children by establishing smart classrooms and STEM laboratories.

The project is facilitating a learner friendly school infrastructure for 2,25,000 children, 50% of which are girl students, building a capacity of teachers on subject specific and child centric pedagogy through effective usage of ICT and strengthening the existing school support structures like the School Management Committees, Block Resource Centres, Cluster Resource Centres, DIETs and others.

Senior Vice President and Zonal Head-South of HDFC Bank, Vishal Bhatia said, "Save the Children and the bank's collaboration in this education project will surely set a tone for strengthening government schools with STEM and SMART class rooms."

Another dignitary said that the education department has been supportive in identifying schools where the NGO has started working on a collaborative project, 'Making Schools Smart'.

BSY steps aside, to make way for son Vijayendra

In a major announcement, former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa has announced his retirement from politics. However, he said that he is back-tracking to make way for his son BY Vijayendra. He made the announcement in Anjanapura of Shikaripura in Shivamogga district in Karnataka, saying he would not contest for next assembly elections from Shikaripura constituency from where he began his political career. Vijayendra currently holds the post of Vice President in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). "I won't contest in the next elections from Shikaripura. Vijayendra will contest in my place. I appeal to the people to ensure his resounding victory," he stated. There was a demand from Mysuru region for Vijayendra to contest elections. "However, as I am vacating the constituency, he will represent it in the upcoming assembly elections," he said. Vijayendra, reacting to his father Yediyurappa's announcement, said he will follow the guidance of his father and the party's decision. "...I will see what party decides in this regard and take a call later," he said. "There is no question of pre-susurising my father (Yediyurappa). He was involved in the organisation of the BJP earlier, and in future also, he will continue the work,"

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Water aerodrome to link Mysuru to tourist spots

Tourists can soon fly from Mysuru to Almatti dam and visit Pattadakal and Aihole tourist centres. They can then take off and come to Mysuru and from there visit Linganamakki to see Jog Falls. The Karnataka government is in the process of establishing water aerodromes in eight reservoirs in the state with a view to improve connectivity and encourage tourism, as the relatively inexpensive initiative would also require less land compared to the conventional airport.

A senior state government official said the objective behind the water aerodromes concept, besides addressing connectivity and tourism prospects, is also to minimise the spending on establishing traditional airports. "To set up an ordinary airport or aerodrome for the operation of 72 or 46 seater ATR aircraft, at least 450 acres of land and an investment of Rs 200 crore is required whereas these water aerodromes can come up with an investment of a mere Rs 10-12 crore," DP Prakash, executive director of the Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (KSIIDC) said.

Prakash said the prerequisites for such a project are sea planes, perennial water flow with at least two metre depth and 600-700 metres length for runway and water jetty from the plane to the bank. Since dams fulfill the criteria, it has



Water aerodromes can be set up on investment of ₹10-12 cr

“We have started surveying. Next we will submit the feasibility report, will prepare the detailed project report, tender documents and estimations

—DP Prakash, KSIIDC

been decided to set up these aerodromes at eight places, including Krishna Raja Sagar Dam in Mysuru on Cauvery, Byndoor, Bhadra dam, Linganamakki dam, Almatti dam and Hidkal dam, he said. "To carry out the process of check-in, check-out and security check, on the bank of the river, lake or the reservoir, a small passenger terminal will be built. That's the only expenditure for which Rs 10

crore to Rs 12 crore is required," the officer explained. It is evident that these aerodromes are economical and viable. They can be used to help build network connecting tourist destinations.

He stated such type of travel is adventurous and part of water adventure excursion. Prakash ruled out any risk involved in landing and take-off of the planes. "Whatever the risks you have in air strip, the same is here," the officer said. According to him, the process of setting up the water aerodrome has already started.

"We have started surveying. Next is we have to submit the feasibility report, will prepare the detailed project report, tender documents and estimations. We have to get permission from the government in the form of administrative approval, then float the tender and award the contract," the officer said. —PTI



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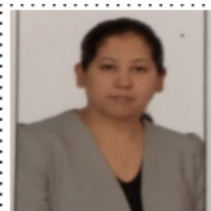


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'No time to prepare, syllabus unfinished'

Students urge postponement of BDS exams slated for August

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The All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) have demanded that the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) final year examination be postponed in view of students academic interest and future, as many students were unable to prepare for it due to lack of time.

The students pointed out that the final year BDS examinations are scheduled by Rajiv Gandhi University Of Health and Sciences (RGUHS) in August.

Members of AIDSO stated that many students are under pressure as the previous and present academic years are disturbed due to covid, leading to inadequate clinical exposure, lack of clinical postings, ineffective online classes and insufficient time to prepare for exams.

A online survey was carried out by the AIDSO group on the postponement of exams. Out of the 1,250 students in the state, 917 signed the Google forms and responded to the survey.

In the question, if one wants postpone of final year exams, 99.7% people responded stating yes. The reason asked in the survey for the postponement of exams, the students mentioned syllabus not completed, insufficient clinical postings and lack of time to prepare for the



Students complain they did not get enough clinic exposure due to the pandemic

exams. Over 82.6% of the students listed the above reasons for the postponement of exams. The students wanted the exams to be postponed by one more month. Over 65.4% of the people asked for one postponement and 28% asked for two month of postponement, while the rest opted for three more months.

Ajay Kamath, State Secretary, AIDSO, said, "The present final year badge started in January. The final years should have around 10 months of classes and clinical postings as per RGUHS guidelines. But according to the scheduled timetable of examination, students are forced to

appear exam with a span of 6 months instead of 10 months of preparation. And in many colleges syllabus is incompleting. Not even 50% of RGUHS clinical postings quota done in majority colleges. Hence in view of students academic interest and their future, AIDSO and the dental students are appealing to the RGUHS to postpone the examination by a month."

A student told BM they did not have enough time to prepare for exams. "Even the syllabus is not finished. As it is our final year, we want to do well. But if we are forced to give exams in a short time, we will not be able to do that."

Neighbourhood ground or sporting complex?

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management. Being a residential area, we don't know how a sports complex will work out. The half-constructed swimming pool now collects rainwater and has turned into a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The half-done building is a safety risk for us with a possibility of anti-social activities," said Prabha.

"In the process of construction, a building for storing sporting equipment was razed down. Now, half of the ground is occupied by construction material and wall-like structures. The children in the area have lost their ground. We have also observed activity inside the ground and building during after-hours," said Amrutha, a resident of the area for seven years.

Shailesh from the layout added that he primarily uses the ground for running but hopes to use the sports complex for physical activity.

"Even people from adjacent areas use the ground. We were promised a sports complex but nothing has come out so far. We are okay if they disband the project; so the ground can be used



Half-constructed swimming pool is filled with rainwater

effectively," said Shailesh, a member of Bhuvanagiri RWA.

Residents are worried that even after completion, sporting activities in the complex could result in noise pollution. They said, without a proper proposal for parking, traffic congestion shall increase on the adjacent roads.

According to BDA executive engineer Kumar, the work was halted two years ago. "Partial work has been done for Rs 2.5 crore and a balance of Rs 8 crore-worth work is pending. We have received approval for inviting tenders for the remaining work. The project was estimated at Rs 20 crore; the first phase of the project was to be completed at a cost of Rs 10 crore," he added.

When asked about whether it will be a paid or unpaid facility, BDA officials said the civic body is yet to decide on it.

Roadhouse blues in Bengaluru

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trip, NHAI roads collect lesser tolls for multiple journeys (approximately 1.5 times) than NICE roads for multiple journeys as NICE collects the same amount of toll for every journey. NICE had recently stirred a debate saying Electronics City Flyover is the most expensive road in Bengaluru city.

An NHAI source said there were no fixed parameters for toll rates as the concessionaires were awarded contracts at different intervals at different conditions though the toll was determined based on a base price and is revised every year. NICE road users have to pay an equal amount of toll for every usage. However for NHAI roads, the toll gets deducted in case of a return journey within midnight. There are provisions for monthly passes for locals and reduced rates. For Electronics City Flyover, there are monthly passes for all types of vehicle users. Bikers also need to pay a toll on NICE and Electronics City Flyover. As per NICE data, the toll for cars is more expensive in Electronics City Flyover than NICE Road or Airport Road. In case of LCV toll, the Electronics City Flyover costs are most expensive followed by Airport Road and NICE Road.

Susheel S, a regular user of NICE Road said, "NICE authorities should seriously consider discounts on return journeys. Now, many use this road to travel from one area of the city multiple times; paying a hefty toll every time is definitely not a welcome move."

"We were expecting the tolled roads to be world-class. However, the case is different. If you happen to travel across city roads, then you will realise that we are paying a toll for damaging our vehicles on potholed roads," said Nandeesh R, a motorist. Many motorists are waiting for Union Minister for Road Transport Nitin Gadkari's announcement that in the future, NHAI will collect toll only for the exact distance travelled rather than the fixed rates collected now.

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STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO

WHAT A CATCH!

A Painted Stork with its kill at Sarakki Lake some days ago.

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Dangerous dangling cables everywhere

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Residents of JP Nagar 8th phase have been facing difficulties due to dangling electric wires and cables on the roads.

Shruthi K, a resident of the area, told BM, "I noticed these wires hanging at multiple spots while I was passing by. They are not easily visible from far away and that is why people on bikes and scooters often get hit by them. It can be a hazard to children if they are not careful as some of the wires are also exposed."

The residents say that the wires must have snapped off due to the heavy rains and wind recently.

However, it has been four to five days and they are still waiting for the authorities to fix the issue.

Shivakumar, another resident of JP Nagar, said, "We do not know which wires are live so we try to avoid them. But if someone is careless or riding very fast they might not notice the wires which might lead to an accident. The wires are also hanging low so anyone, even a child might get hit by them. There are three or four schools near this area and many school vehicles and children pass through the area which makes it even more dangerous."



Some of these wires in JP Nagar 8th Phase are not visible from the distance; some suspect these are live wires



ous. Safety of the students should be the utmost priority of authorities."

Pedestrians and pillion riders have to dodge the cables while passing through the area. "I have seen that people take sharp turns to dodge the cables which might pose a threat as it's raining and the roads also get slippery these days."

JP Nagar isn't the only area facing this issue. Residents of Brigade Road, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Infantry Road, and several other areas of the city have wires and cables dangling on the roads.

People are also concerned that the wires also ruin the visual appeal of the city.

"We have complained already but this keeps happening. Of course, bad weather will inevitably lead to this but the authorities should fix it soon enough. So many areas in the city have the same problem. Authorities should look into the problem, it is the whole city's problem," said Surendra Gowda who lives in the area.

About a year ago, Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) also started to convert the overhead electricity wires into underground cable lines. The initiative was started to reduce accidents and to increase the quality of power supply. BBMP Chief Executive Engineer of the Bommanahalli zone was unavailable for a comment on the situation.

DID YOU KNOW?



We all have heard of Krumbiegel Road, but have you wondered who is the person behind this road's name? He was Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel, a German botanist and garden designer, who was best known for his work at the Lal Bagh Botanical Gardens and for the planning of the avenues of the city. He also established the first horticultural training school in India. Krumbiegel was responsible for the introduction of many ornamental plants and flowering trees and was involved in the choice of avenue trees for the city.

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What are the problems with public transport that discourage you from using it?



Pearl Sharma, Student

I avoid using public transport because it's always overcrowded. It's also unsafe because the pandemic is still a serious concern. Sometimes the bus frequency is less due to which I need to wait for long durations



Divij Chaudhary, BM Reader

I usually avoid buses and other public transport because of how crowded they are. It's also pretty time consuming. Which is why I prefer catching a cab.



Neha Liz Chungath
Student and Dancer

Usually I love commuting in public transport but I try avoiding buses since it used to be too congested during the office and college hours and therefore felt unsafe.



Muskaan Tewari, BM Reader

Safety and hygiene issues are definitely major factors. Plus the lack of knowledge about routes and other details also make taking the bus seem to daunting.



Daksh Grover, Student

The problem with public transport is that they are overcrowded which further leads to incidents of pick pocketing, they're also poorly maintained which makes it unhygienic and that discourages people from using them.



Akash Mandal, BM Reader

Public transport is very crowded, especially disadvantageous in this covid era. It's also unpredictable timings wise.

SPEAK TO US

What do you think is the big reason that the government is unable to focus on providing good infrastructure in the city?

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Not 'chemical imbalance'

Study suggests serotonin imbalance may not be cause for depression



The serotonin theory of depression has been one of the most influential and extensively researched biological theories of the origins of depression

For three decades, people have been deluged with information suggesting that depression is caused by a "chemical imbalance" in the brain – namely an imbalance of a brain chemical called serotonin. However, our latest research review shows that the evidence does not support it.

Although first proposed in the 1960s, the serotonin theory of depression started to be widely promoted by the pharmaceutical industry in the 1990s in association with its efforts to market a new range of antidepressants, known as selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitors or SSRIs.

The idea was also endorsed by official institutions such as the American Psychiatric Association, which still tells the public that "differences in certain chemicals in the brain may contribute to symptoms of depression".

Countless doctors have repeated the message all over the world, in their private surgeries and in the media. People accepted what they were told. And many started taking antidepressants because they believed they had something wrong with their brain that required an antidepressant to put right.

In the period of this marketing push, antidepressant use climbed dramatically, and they are now prescribed to one in six of the adult population in England, for example.

For a long time, certain academics, including some leading

psychiatrists, have suggested that there is no satisfactory evidence to support the idea that depression is a result of abnormally low or inactive serotonin. Others continue to endorse the theory. Until now, however, there has been no comprehensive review of the research on serotonin and depression that could enable firm conclusions either way.

At first sight, the fact that SSRI-type antidepressants act on the serotonin system appears to support the serotonin theory of depression. SSRIs temporarily increase the availability of serotonin in the brain, but this does not necessarily imply that depression is caused by the opposite of this effect.

There are other explanations for antidepressants' effects. In fact, drug trials show that antidepressants are barely distinguishable from a placebo (dummy pill) when it comes to treating depression. Also, antidepressants appear to have a generalised emotion-numbing effect which may influence people's moods, although we do not know how this effect is produced or much about it.

First comprehensive review

There has been extensive research on the serotonin system since the 1990s, but it has not been collected systematically before. We conducted an "umbrella" review that involved systematically identifying and collating existing overviews of the evidence from each of the main areas of research

into serotonin and depression. Although there have been systematic reviews of individual areas in the past, none have combined the evidence from all the different areas taking this approach.

One area of research we included was research comparing levels of serotonin and its breakdown products in the blood or brain fluid. Overall, this research did not show a difference between people with depression and those without depression.

Another area of research has focused on serotonin receptors, which are proteins on the ends of the nerves that serotonin links up with and which can transmit or inhibit serotonin's effects. Research on the most commonly investigated serotonin receptor suggested either no difference between people with depression and people without depression, or that serotonin activity was actually increased in people with depression – the opposite of the serotonin theory's prediction.

Research on the serotonin "transporter", that is the protein which helps to terminate the effect of serotonin (this is the protein that SSRIs act on), also suggested that, if anything, there was increased serotonin activity in people with depression. However, these findings may be explained by the fact that many participants

in these studies had used or were currently using antidepressants.

We also looked at research that explored whether depression can be induced in volunteers by artificially lowering levels of serotonin. Two systematic reviews from 2006 and 2007 and a sample of the ten most recent studies (at the time the current research was conducted) found that lowering serotonin did not produce depression in hundreds of healthy volunteers. One of the reviews showed very weak evidence of an effect in a small subgroup of people with a family history of depression, but this only involved 75 participants.

Very large studies involving tens of thousands of patients looked at gene variation, including the gene that has the instructions for making the serotonin transporter. They found no difference in the frequency of varieties of this gene between people with depression and healthy controls.

Although a famous early study found a relationship between the serotonin transporter gene and stressful life events, larger, more comprehensive studies suggest no such relationship exists. Stressful life events in themselves, however, exerted a strong effect on people's subsequent risk of developing depression.

Some of the studies in our overview that included people who were taking or had previously taken antidepressants showed evidence that antidepressants may actually lower the concentration or activity of serotonin.

Not supported by the evidence

The serotonin theory of depression has been one of the most influential and extensively researched biological theories of the origins of depression. Our study shows that this view is not supported by scientific evidence. It also calls into question the basis for the use of antidepressants.

Most antidepressants now in use are presumed to act via their effects on serotonin. Some also affect the brain chemical noradrenaline. But experts agree that the evidence for the involvement of noradrenaline in depression is weaker than that for serotonin.

There is no other accepted pharmacological mechanism for how antidepressants might affect depression. If antidepressants exert their effects as placebos, or by numbing emotions, then it is not clear that they do more good than harm.

—Joanna Moncrieff and Mark Horowitz (The Conversation)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My fiancé and I are getting married this summer and I couldn't be happier. However, she's the most disorganised and chaotic person I've ever met, and is late for everything.

She turns up at parties and restaurants an hour late, she never leaves the house on time in the mornings and she's even missed events entirely. I get annoyed with her, but she just says I'm making too big a deal of it and it's just who she is. But I feel it shows a complete lack of respect.

I've started to worry that she won't make our wedding service on time or that she might not make it at all, so I'm left standing at the altar like a mug.

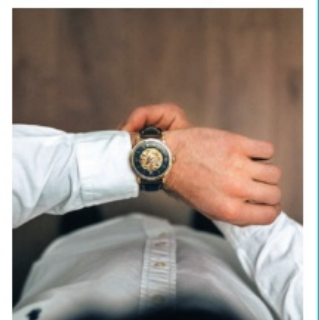
COLEEN SAYS

I'm kind of with you on the lack of respect. But I also think if it happens all the time, then it might be worth her investigating whether there's an underlying cause that's gone undiagnosed such as ADHD.

But as far as your wedding goes, I think you have to get her friends and family on board to make sure that she gets to the church on time. If it's a team effort, then you shouldn't have a problem. Get someone to text you updates about where they are and an ETA, which should hopefully calm your nerves.

I think it's worth tackling the issue, though, because it could start to affect your wellbeing and, ultimately, the relationship.

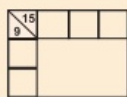
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror



A five digit number is chosen in such a way that ten's place is one less than units's place, hundred's place is one less than ten's place and similarly the other digits. Sum of all the digits of a number obtained by adding that chosen number and the number formed by reversing its digit is 40. Product of all the digit of the chosen number will be

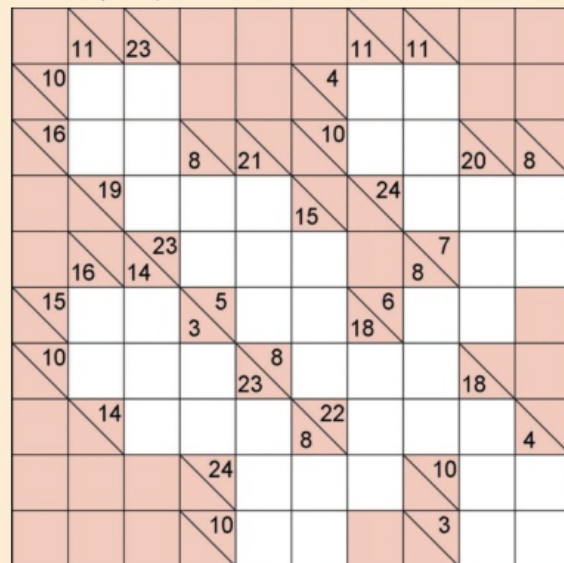
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

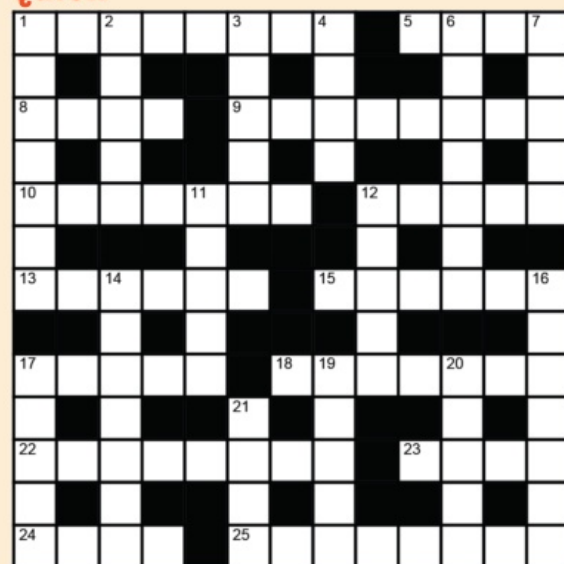


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Guessed (8)
- 5 Inquires of (4)
- 8 Subsequent (4)
- 9 Snitch (8)
- 10 Flat pasta sheets (7)
- 12 Nest of a bird of prey (5)
- 13 Clear from a charge (6)
- 15 Seeding or planting (6)
- 17 Mythical nymph (5)
- 18 Wobble; reel (7)
- 22 Birth (8)
- 23 Ever present as a prefix (4)
- 24 Greek vowel (4)
- 25 Weird or hideous? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Plain (informal) (7)
- 2 Linkage or connection (5)
- 3 Rule like a monarch (5)
- 4 Resist boldly (4)
- 6 Japanese warrior (7)
- 7 Work under another (5)
- 11 Crush in a mill (5)
- 12 Fragrance (5)
- 14 Group of five players (7)
- 16 Adorn (food) (7)
- 17 Hills: Scenic spot around 60 kms from Bangalore (5)
- 19 Played with (5)
- 20 Entire range (5)
- 21 Gaming cubes (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS W
LNROZ KZ WLO AR BR NYEENZ;
ERVZEMZF KZ WLO AR BR SHWM.



Linemaro

I am fighting the urge to make you the happiest woman on earth tonight



Mindchow

A hug is a great gift - one size fits all, and it's easy to exchange



Joke of the day

On the other hand, you have different fingers

Loop

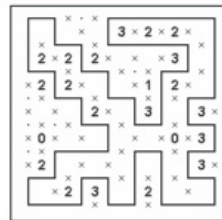
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

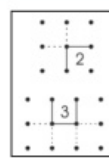
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

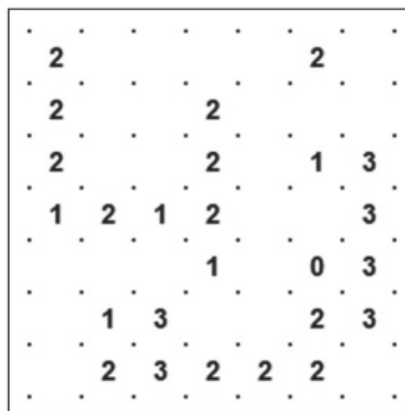
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



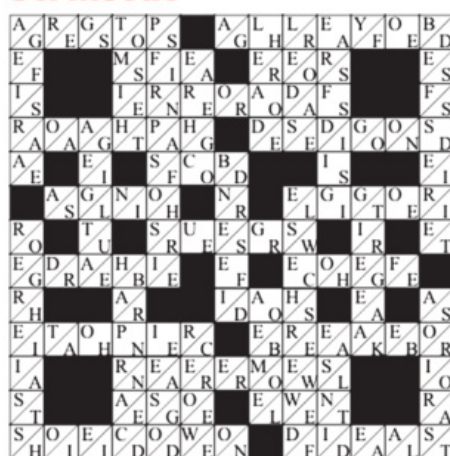
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

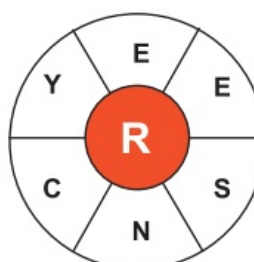
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- 7 In Gal; 8 Dimer;
- 9 Brief

DOWN

- 1 Fr Daw; 2 Ail I a;
- 3 CM Lib; 4 Greed;
- 5 Nodes

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

2 4 5 9 = 8

Medium

2 3 7 9 = 15

Hard

1 3 7 3 = 42

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mailbox is longer. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Envelope flap is different. 4. Section of bush under window is missing. 5. Roof is not as wide. 6. Window is not as wide.

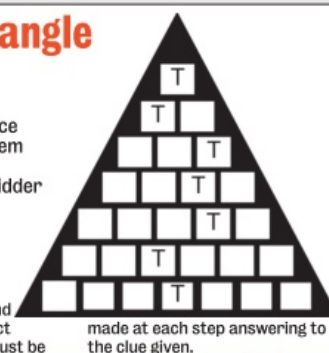
Riddler

I seem to come out of nowhere at all Then quickly disappear like the dewfall Once I get out, I can spread like wildfire But before too long, my life will expire Where one resides in the grand scheme of things Dictates the emotions my telling brings When I break, my end's not yet realized I've just begun making people surprised What am I?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Tonne, abbr.
- 2 Infinitive word
- 3 Nae
- 4 Post-WW II alliance
- 5 Part of a long poem
- 6 Director's word
- 7 Sale to highest bidder

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.



COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may be happy and blessed by the moon. You should feel healthy, which will reflect in your way of working. You may perform well in all areas of life, which will boost your prestige. Your concentration may be very good today. You can make some difficult decisions in your business.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

You may be happy and have good patience today. It will reflect in your way of working. You may complete your tasks in an efficient way. You can plan to visit a spiritual place. You could make some donations to charity. Lovebirds may develop trust in their relationship. You may have control over your opponents.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Your children's education can occupy your time today. You may plan for their higher studies as well. Couples may hear good news in terms of children. You may want to plan for higher studies to get promotions in your current job. Singles may find their soulmate. Those related to education, consultants, and bankers will do well.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

You may feel dull today, and your focus may be lost towards your targets. Your expectations may be very high, and because of impatience, you may not be able to fulfil them. This could leave you feeling upset. You are advised to be careful in terms of adventure tours and rash driving.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you could feel unhappy and feel dull, which can impact your way of working. There may be some delay in pending projects. It may affect your prestige on the professional and domestic front. Avoid adventure tours and rash driving. Lovebirds can break-up if not careful. Job seekers may be disappointed.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

You could feel dissatisfaction today. You may also want to abandon your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some losses. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature on them. Health of your elders may upset you. Postpone any home renovation plans for a while.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Past investments can bring you good profits today. You may get good results after an easy task. Your obstacles may be removed now. Your financial status should also be improved with new sources of income opening up. Couples may hear good news in terms of children. Success can come easily.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Positive vibrations surround you today and things are under control. You could plan to start a new business in your partnership. You can also expect long-distance travel. Faith in your spouse will increase, bringing harmony to your domestic life.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Disputes with siblings should settle down now, healing your relationship. Your vital force seems to be good. It may help you complete difficult projects easily. You may expand your network after a short work-related trip. You may also help needy people.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you may feel happy, and time is likely to be on your side. You could make some important decisions in business, which may bring you benefits in the near future. You may be rewarded from your work and your prestige in society can increase. You might also meet some influential people.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may perform your best at work. You may create a good bond with your boss. New responsibilities and promotions could be on the cards. Chronic health issues should be cured now. You may get good incentives for your work too. Disputes with siblings will resolve. Job seekers may find work.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you may be busy with your family. You are likely to be happy in their presence. You can expect new sources of income which can boost your financial health. You must have control over your expenditure on worthless items.



KIDZONE



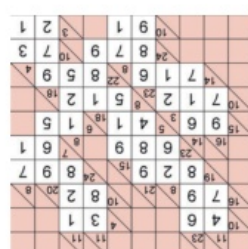
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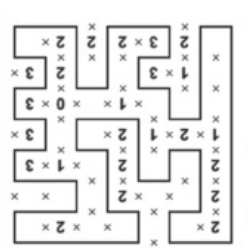
Alisha
Bhatt,
6 Years,
Ryan
School

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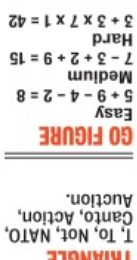
SOLUTIONS



KAKURO



LOOP



ALPHA TRIANGLE



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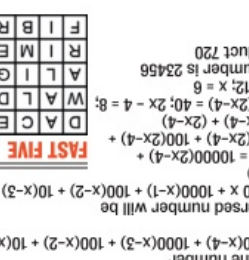
MENSA PUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT



SOLVE IN 1M



A new man

Naga Chaitanya reveals how life changed after divorce

Naga Chaitanya has been in the news more than ever after he parted ways with his wife Samantha Ruth Prabhu after four blissful years of marriage on October 2, 2021.

Spilling beans on how the pandemic and the divorce with his wife have been the toughest phase of his life, the actor revealed that he has changed a lot as a person. According to him, earlier he couldn't open up much but now he can. Chaitanya also added that he feels much closer to his family members and friends. He added that it feels nice to see himself as an entirely new person.

Naga Chaitanya and Samantha Ruth Prabhu dated for three long years before tying the knot in 2017 in a dreamy wedding ceremony with their friends and family in attendance.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Chaitanya will be seen in 'Laal Singh Chaddha' which will star Aamir Khan in the lead role. The movie is an official Hindi adaptation of the Hollywood film, 'Forrest Gump', starring Tom Hanks. It will also feature Kareena Kapoor Khan, Mona Singh and others in key roles.

-ETimes

Congrats National Awardees

Soorai Pottru emerges big winner, Dollu bags award for best film in Kannada



The winners of the 68th National Awards were announced on Friday afternoon in New Delhi. The prestigious awards are regulated by the Government of India's Directorate of Film Festivals. This year, the films released in 2020 were also recognised due to the delay caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The jury members also include cinematographer Dharam Gulati, National Award-winning Bengali actor Sreelekha Mukherjee, cinematographer GS Bhaskar, A Karthikraja, VN Aditya, Viji Thampi, Sanjeev Rattan, S Thangadurai and Nishigandha.

Here's the complete winners list:

Best Feature Film: Soorai Pottru

Best Director: Sachidanandan KR

Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome

Entertainment: Tanhaji

Indira Gandhi Award

for Best Debut Film of

Director: Mandela

Best Children's Film:

Sumi

Best Actor: Suriya for Soorai Pottru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji

Best Actress: Aparna

Balamurali

Best Supporting Actor:

Biju Menon

Best Supporting Ac-

tress: Lakshmi Priya

Chandramouli

Best Child Artist: Anish

Mangesh Gosavi for

Tak Tak and Akank-

sha Pingle & Divyesh

Indulkar for Sumi

Best Music Direc-

tion: Ala Vai-

kunthapurramuloo

Best Male Playback

Singer: Rahul Desh-

pande for Mi Vas-

antrao and Anish

Mangesh Gosavi for

Taktak

Best Female Playback

Singer: Nanchamma

Best Lyrics: Saina

Best Audiography: Dollu

Best Choreography:

Natyam

Best Cinematography: Avijatrik

Best Costume Design: Tanhaji

Best Editing: Sivaranjiniyum Innum Sila

Pengalum

Best Production Design: Kappela

Best Make-up: Natyam

Best Screenplay: Soorai Pottru

Best Stunt Choreography: Ayyappanum

Koshiyum

Special Jury Award

Best Feature Film in Kannada: Dollu

Best Feature Film in Malayalam: Thinkalazhcha

Nishchayam

Best Feature Film in Tamil: Sivaranjiniyum Innum

Sila Pengalum

Best Feature Film in Telugu: Colour Photo

Best Feature Film in Tulu: Jeetige



Grin and bare it



Trust Ranveer Singh to pull off the unexpected and he will never disappoint! The actor went nude for a recent photoshoot and the pictures featured him slaying bare bodied without an ounce of discomfort. His bare-it-all pictures have inspired social media users to come up with some hilarious and creative memes. Ranveer has been photoshopped into Michelangelo art, he's been pulled into salary debates and even been pushed into

slice of life humour. The term 'Ranveerified' has also caught on. Check out the best of the memes. One Twitter user compared Ranveer's nakedness to a common man's month-end money issue and wrote, "Me after spending my entire salary on swiggy and zomato."

Another user shared a photoshopped picture of Singh lying in Spidey's web, "Sorry, I'm not at all here to troll RanveerOfficial I just found this picture genuinely funny." -ETimes



Watch this story come alive by pointing your phone camera at the QR code



Style guru

Ten times actor Jacqueline Fernandez raised the fashion bar

Fitness goals

Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan on Thursday shared a video from her super exhausting workout session. Taking to Instagram, the 'Atrangi Re'

star captioned the post, "It's good to be back Hogaya Holiday come back on track You must work hard, there's no easy hack Just keep going- no time to slack

You cannot crack- so just attack! Oh! And remember supplement this effort with a healthy snack". In the video, the actor is seen doing her cardio workouts under the supervision of her trainer. She wears a blue top with black shorts. -ETimes

